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**From:** Colip, Matthew [colip.matthew@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/21/2019 6:06:25 PM  
**To:** Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** action requested- FW: ITC chemical incident

**Importance:** High

David,

OLEM received the inquiry below via our Contact Us page regarding the ITC plant. Would R6 team be able to respond?

Matt

Matthew Colip  
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**From:** OLEM.Cleanup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:54 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Lisa <Jenkins.Lisa@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>; Mazerik, Mary <Mazerik.Mary@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: ITC chemical incident

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**From:** Dunton, Cheryl  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:53:57 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** OLEM.Cleanup  
**Subject:** FW: ITC chemical incident

Hi OLEM – is this something you guys can respond to? Sounds like there's some kind of issue with chemical releases at a plant in Texas. Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lorna Presswood <llptexas@utexas.edu>  
**Date:** March 21, 2019 at 4:46:12 AM PDT  
**To:** [morris.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:morris.jeff@epa.gov)  
**Subject:** ITC chemical incident

I'm a resident of Galveston and I'm very concerned that dangerous levels of benzene and other cancer causing agents are in the water around the ITC plant in Deer Park. Having grown up around this area I'm very familiar with how extremely serious this incident is. If the air is polluted to this extent after the fire is out then it has over saturated our air and water in run off since the explosion. Nothing was done to contain the run off of chemicals into the water and also the air pollution will also get into the water.

This will definitely cause cancer.

Something needs to be done immediately by the state and federal agencies to try to contain the effects to the water and to expand the evacuation area. There will be a high probability that danger levels in water and air are far worse than are being reported to the public.

From your position please do all you can to urge more action.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Lorna Presswood

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Sent from my iPad